(3) to foster and innovate new technologies to counter North Korea's state-sponsored repressive surveillance and censorship by advancing internet freedom tools, technologies, and new approaches.

SEC. 1294. UNITED STATES STRATEGY TO COMBAT NORTH KOREA'S REPRESSIVE INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall develop and submit to Congress a strategy on combating North Korea's repressive information environment.
- (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection (a) shall include the following:
- (1) An assessment of the challenges to the free flow of information into North Korea created by the censorship and surveillance technology apparatus of the Government of North Korea.
- (2) A detailed description of the agencies and other government entities, key officials, and security services responsible for the implementation of North Korea's repressive laws regarding foreign media consumption.
- (3) A detailed description of the agencies and other government entities and key officials of foreign governments that assist, facilitate, or aid North Korea's repressive censorship and surveillance state.
- (4) A review of existing public-private partnerships that provide circumvention technology and an assessment of the feasibility and utility of new tools to increase free expression, circumvent censorship, and obstruct repressive surveillance in North Korea.
- (5) A description of and funding levels required for current United States Government programs and activities to provide access for the people of North Korea to a diverse range of fact-based information.
- (6) An update of the plan required by section 104(a)(7)(A) of the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 (22 U.S.C. 7814(a)(7)(A)).
- (7) A description of Department of State programs and funding levels for programs that promote internet freedom in North Korea, including monitoring and evaluation efforts.
- (8) A description of grantee programs of the United States Agency for Global Media in North Korea that facilitate circumvention tools and broadcasting, including monitoring and evaluation efforts.
- (9) A detailed assessment of how the United States International Broadcasting Surge Capacity Fund authorized under section 316 of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6216) has operated to respond to crisis situations in the past, and how authority to transfer unobligated balances from expired accounts would help the United States Agency for Global Media in crisis situations in the future.
- (10) A detailed plan for how the authorization of appropriations under section 1296 will operate alongside and augment existing programming from the relevant Federal agencies and facilitate the development of new tools to assist that programming.
- (c) FORM OF STRATEGY.—The strategy required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include the matters required by subsection (b) in a classified annex

SEC. 1295. REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT OF SANC-TIONS WITH RESPECT TO NORTH

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through 2024, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on sanctions-related activities and enforcement undertaken by the United States Govern-

ment with respect to North Korea during the period described in subsection (b) that includes—

- (1) an assessment of activities conducted by persons in North Korea or the Government of North Korea that would require mandatory designations pursuant to the North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016 (22 U.S.C. 9201 et seq.); and
- (2) sanctions-related enforcement or other sanctions-related actions undertaken by the United States Government pursuant to that Act.
- (b) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described in this subsection is—
- (1) in the case of the first report required by subsection (a), the period beginning on January 1, 2021, and ending on the date on which the report is required to be submitted; and
- (2) in the case of each subsequent report required by subsection (a), the one-year period preceding submission of the report.
- (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—
- (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate: and
- (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Financial Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 1296. PROMOTING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND COUNTERING CENSOR-SHIP AND SURVEILLANCE IN NORTH KOREA.

- (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the United States Agency for Global Media \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to provide increased broadcasting and grants for the following purposes:
- (1) To promote the development of internet freedom tools, technologies, and new approaches, including both digital and non-digital means of information sharing related to North Korea.
- (2) To explore public-private partnerships to counter North Korea's repressive censorship and surveillance state.
- (3) To develop new means to protect the privacy and identity of individuals receiving media from the United States Agency for Global Media and other outside media outlets from within North Korea.
- (4) To bolster existing programming from the United States Agency for Global Media by restoring the broadcasting capacity of damaged antennas caused by Typhoon Yutu in 2018.
- (b) Annual Reports.—Section 104(a)(7)(B) of the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 (22 U.S.C. 7814(a)(7)(B)) is amended—
- (1) in the matter preceding clause (i)—
- (A) by striking "1 year after the date of the enactment of this paragraph" and inserting "September 30, 2022"; and
- (B) by striking "Broadcasting Board of Governors" and inserting "Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media"; and
- (2) in clause (i), by inserting after "this section" the following: "and sections 1294 and 1296 of the Otto Warmbier Countering North Korean Censorship and Surveillance Act of 2021".

SA 4605. Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appro-

priations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title XII, add the following:

Subtitle H—Ending Wildlife Trafficking SEC. 1291. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the "Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Reauthorization and Improvements Act of 2021".

SEC. 1292. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

- (1) the United States Government should continue to work with international partners, including nations, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector, to identify long-standing and emerging areas of concern in wildlife poaching and trafficking related to global supply and demand; and
- (2) the activities and required reporting of the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, established by Executive Order 13648 (78 Fed. Reg. 40621), and modified by sections 201 and 301 of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016 (16 U.S.C. 7621 and 7631) should be reauthorized to minimize the disruption of the work of such Task Force.

SEC. 1293. DEFINITIONS.

Section 2 of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016 (16 U.S.C. 7601) is amended—

- (1) in paragraph (3), by inserting "involving local communities" after "approach to conservation";
- (2) by amending paragraph to read as follows:
- "(4) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term 'country of concern' means a foreign country specially designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 201(b) as a major source of wildlife trafficking products or their derivatives, a major transit point of wildlife trafficking products or their derivatives, or a major consumer of wildlife trafficking products, in which—
- "(A) the government has actively engaged in, or knowingly profited from, the trafficking of protected species; or
- "(B) the government facilitates such trafficking through conduct that may include a persistent failure to make serious and sustained efforts to prevent and prosecute such trafficking."; and
- (3) in paragraph (11), by striking "section 201" and inserting "section 301".

SEC. 1294. FRAMEWORK FOR INTERAGENCY RESPONSE AND REPORTING.

- (a) REAUTHORIZATION OF REPORT ON MAJOR WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING COUNTRIES.—Section 201 of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016 (16 U.S.C. 7621) is amended—
- (1) in subsection (a), by striking "annually thereafter" and inserting "biennially thereafter by June 1 of each year in which a report is required"; and
- (2) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
- "(c) DESIGNATION.—A country may be designated as a country of concern under subsection (b) regardless of such country's status as a focus country.".
- (b) PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING RESPONSIBILITIES.—Section 301(a) of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016 (16 U.S.C. 7631(a)) is amended—
- (1) in paragraph (4), by striking "and" at the end;

- (2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (10); and
- (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

"(5) pursue programs—

- "(A) to expand the role of technology for anti-poaching and anti-trafficking efforts, in partnership with the private sector, foreign governments, academia, and nongovernmental organizations (including technology companies and the transportation and logistics sectors): and
- "(B) to enable local governments to develop and use such technologies;
- "(6) consider programs and initiatives that address the expansion of the illegal wildlife trade to digital platforms, including the use of digital currency and payment platforms for transactions by collaborating with the private sector, academia, and nongovernmental organizations, including social media, e-commerce, and search engine companies, as appropriate:

"(7)(A) establish and publish a procedure for removing from the list in the biennial report any country of concern that no longer meets the definition of country of concern under section 2(4):

"(B) include details about such procedure in the next report required under section 201;

- "(8)(A) implement interventions to address the drivers of poaching, trafficking, and demand for illegal wildlife and wildlife products in focus countries and countries of concern:
- "(B) set benchmarks for measuring the effectiveness of such interventions; and
- "(C) consider alignment and coordination with indicators developed by the Task Force;
- "(9) consider additional opportunities to increase coordination between law enforcement and financial institutions to identify trafficking activity; and".
- (c) PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING STRATEGIC REVIEW.—Section 301 of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016 (16 U.S.C. 7631), as amended by subsection (b), is further amended—
- (1) in subsection (d)—
- (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "annually" and inserting "biennially":
- (B) in paragraph (4), by striking "and" at the end:
- (C) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end and inserting $\lq\lq$; and $\lq\lq$; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

- "(6) an analysis of the indicators developed by the Task Force, and recommended by the Government Accountability Office, to track and measure inputs, outputs, law enforcement outcomes, and the market for wildlife products for each focus country listed in the report, including baseline measures, as appropriate, for each indicator in each focus country to determine the effectiveness and appropriateness of such indicators to assess progress and whether additional or separate indicators, or adjustments to indicators, may be necessary for focus countries."; and
- (2) by striking subsection (e).

SEC. 1295. FUNDING SAFEGUARDS.

- (a) Procedures for Obtaining Credible Information.—Section 620M(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2378d(d)) is amended—
- (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (5), (6), (7), and (8), respectively; and
- (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:
- "(4) routinely request and obtain such information from the United States Agency for International Development, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and other relevant Federal agencies that partner with

international nongovernmental conservation groups;".

(b) REQUIRED IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of State shall implement the procedures established pursuant to section 620M(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended by subsection (a), including vetting individuals and units, whenever the United States Agency for International Development, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or any other relevant Federal agency that partners with international nongovernmental conservation groups provides assistance to any unit of the security forces of a foreign country.

SEC. 1296. ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS IN WILD-LIFE TRAFFICKING CIVIL PENALTY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.

- (a) ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973.—Section 11(e) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1540(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:
 - "(7) ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS.—
- "(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of any inspection or investigation relating to the import into, or the export from, the United States of any fish or wildlife or plants covered under this Act or relating to the delivery, receipt, carrying, transport, shipment, sale, or offer for sale in interstate or foreign commerce of any such fish or wildlife or plants imported into or exported from the United States, the Secretary, may issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, or other records relevant to the subject matter under investigation.
- "(B) FEES AND MILEAGE FOR WITNESSES.—A witness summoned under subparagraph (A) shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid to witnesses in the courts of the United States.
 - "(C) REFUSAL TO OBEY SUBPOENAS.-
- "(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena served on any person pursuant to this paragraph, the district court of the United States for any judicial district in which the person is found, resides, or transacts business, on application by the United States and after notice to that person, shall have jurisdiction to issue an order requiring that person to appear and give testimony before the Secretary, to appear and produce documents before the Secretary, or both.
- "(ii) FAILURE TO OBEY.—Any failure to obey an order issued by a court under clause (i) may be punished by that court as a contempt of that court."
- (b) LACEY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1981.—Section 6 of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3375) is amended by adding at the end the following:
 - "(e) ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of any inspection or investigation relating to the import into, or the export from, the United States of any fish or wildlife or plants covered under the Lacey Act of 1900 (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.) or relating to the transport, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any such fish or wildlife or plants imported into or exported from the United States, the Secretary may issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, or other records relevant to the subject matter under investigation.
- "(2) FEES AND MILEAGE FOR WITNESSES.—A witness summoned under paragraph (1) shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid to witnesses in the courts of the United States.
 - "(3) REFUSAL TO OBEY SUBPOENAS.—
- "(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena served on any person pursuant to this subsection, the district court of the United States for any

judicial district in which the person is found, resides, or transacts business, on application by the United States and after notice to that person, shall have jurisdiction to issue an order requiring that person to appear and give testimony before the Secretary, to appear and produce documents before the Secretary, or both.

- "(B) FAILURE TO OBEY.—Any failure to obey an order issued by a court under subparagraph (A) may be punished by that court as a contempt of that court."
- (c) BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLE PROTECTION ACT.—
- (1) CIVIL PENALTIES.—Subsection (b) of the first section of the Act of June 8, 1940 (16 U.S.C. 668(b)) (commonly known as the "Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act"), is amended—
- (A) by striking "(b) Whoever, within the" and inserting the following:
 - "(b) CIVIL PENALTIES.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, within the"; and
 - (B) by adding at the end the following:
 - "(2) HEARINGS; ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS.—
- "(A) HEARINGS.—Hearings held during proceedings for the assessment of civil penalties under paragraph (1) shall be conducted in accordance with section 554 of title 5, United States Code.
 - "(B) ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS.-
- "(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of any hearing held during proceedings for the assessment of civil penalties under paragraph (1), the Secretary may issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of relevant papers, books, and documents, and may administer oaths.
- "(ii) FEES AND MILEAGE FOR WITNESSES.—A witness summoned pursuant to clause (i) shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid to witnesses in the courts of the United States.
 - "(iii) Refusal to obey subpoenas.—
- "(I) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena served on any person pursuant to this subparagraph, the district court of the United States for any judicial district in which the person is found, resides, or transacts business, on application by the United States and after notice to that person, shall have jurisdiction to issue an order requiring that person to appear and give testimony before the Secretary, to appear and produce documents before the Secretary, or both.
- "(II) FAILURE TO OBEY.—Any failure to obey an order issued by a court under subclause (I) may be punished by that court as a contempt of that court.".
- (2) INVESTIGATORY SUBPOENAS.—Section 3 of the Act of June 8, 1940 (16 U.S.C. 668b) (commonly known as the "Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act"), is amended by adding at the end the following:
 - "(d) Issuance of Subpoenas.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of any inspection or investigation relating to the import into or the export from the United States of any bald or golden eagles covered under this Act, or any parts, nests, or eggs of any such bald or golden eagles, the Secretary may issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, or other records relevant to the subject matter under investigation.
- "(2) FEES AND MILEAGE FOR WITNESSES.—A witness summoned under paragraph (1) shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid to witnesses in the courts of the United States.
 - "(3) Refusal to obey subpoenas.—
- "(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena served on any person pursuant to this subsection, the district court of the United States for any judicial district in which the person is found,

resides, or transacts business, on application by the United States and after notice to that person, shall have jurisdiction to issue an order requiring that person to appear and give testimony before the Secretary, to appear and produce documents before the Secretary, or both.

"(B) FAILURE TO OBEY.—Any failure to obey an order issued by a court under subparagraph (A) may be punished by that court as a contempt of that court.".

SA 4606. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title XV, insert the following:

SEC. _____. SEMIANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS RE-GARDING MISSILE DEFENSE TESTS AND COSTS.

- (a) SEMIANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED.— For each period described in subsection (b), the Director of the Missile Defense Agency shall submit to the congressional defense committees a notification of all—
- (1) flight tests (intercept and non-intercept) planned to occur during the period covered by the notification based on the Integrated Master Test Plan the Director used to support the President's budget submission under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for the fiscal year of the period covered; and
- (2) ground tests planned to occur during such period based on such plan.
- (b) PERIODS COVERED.—For purposes of this section, the periods covered under this section are
- (1) the first 180-calendar-day period beginning on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act; and
- (2) each subsequent, sequential 180-calendar-day period beginning thereafter until the date that is five years and 90 calendar days after the date of the enactment of this Act.
- (c) Timing of Notification Submittal.— Each notification submitted under subsection (a) for a period described in subsection (b) shall be submitted—
- (1) not earlier than 30 calendar days before the last day of the period; and
- (2) not later than the last day of the period.
- (d) CONTENTS.—Each notification submitted under subsection (a) shall include the following:
- (1) For the period covered by the notification:
- (A) With respect to each flight test described in subsection (a)(1), the following:
- (i) The entity responsible for leading the flight test (such as the Missile Defense Agency, the Army, or the Navy) and the classification level of the flight test.
- (ii) The planned cost (the most recent flight test cost estimate, including interceptors and targets), the actual costs and expenditures to-date, and an estimate of any remaining costs and expenditures.
- (iii) All funding (including any appropriated, transferred, or reprogrammed funding) the Agency has received to-date for the flight test.
- (iv) All changes made to the scope and objectives of the flight test and an explanation for such changes.

- (v) The status of the flight test, such as conducted-objectives achieved, conducted-objectives not achieved (failure or no-test), delayed, or canceled.
- (vi) In the event of a flight test status of conducted-objectives not achieved (failure or no-test), delayed, or canceled—
- (I) the reasons the flight test did not succeed or occur:
- (II) in the event of a flight test status of failure or no-test, the plan and cost estimate to retest, if necessary, and any contractor liability, if appropriate;
- (III) in the event of a flight test delay, the fiscal year and quarter the objectives were first planned to be met, the names of the flight tests the objectives have been moved to, the aggregate duration of the delay todate, and, if applicable, any risks to the warfighter from the delay; and
- (IV) in the event of a flight test cancellation, the fiscal year and quarter the objectives were first planned to be met, whether the objectives from the canceled test were met by other means, moved to a different flight test, or removed, a revised spend plan for the remaining funding the agency received for the flight test to-date, and, if applicable, any risks to the warfighter from the cancellation; and
- (vii) the status of any decisions reached by failure review boards open or completed during the period covered by the notification.
- (B) With respect to each ground test described in subsection (a)(2), the following:
- (i) The planned cost (the most recent ground test cost estimate), the actual costs and expenditures to-date, and an estimate of any remaining costs and expenditures.
- (ii) The designation of the ground test, whether developmental, operational, or both. (iii) All changes made to the scope and objectives of the ground test and an explanation for such changes.
- (iv) The status of the ground test, such as conducted-objectives achieved, conducted-objectives not achieved (failure or no-test), delayed, or canceled.
- (v) In the case of a ground test status of conducted-objectives not achieved (failure or no-test), delayed, or canceled—
- (I) the reasons the ground test did not succeed or occur; and
- (II) if applicable, any risks to the warfighter from the ground test not succeeding or occurring;
- (vi) The participating system and element models used for conducting ground tests and the accreditation status of the participating system and element models.
- (vii) Identification of any cybersecurity tests conducted or planned to be conducted as part of the ground test.
- (viii) For each cybersecurity test identified under subparagraph (G), the status of the cybersecurity test, such as conducted-objectives achieved, conducted-objectives not achieved (failure or no-test), delayed, or canceled.
- (ix) In the case of a cybersecurity test identified under subparagraph (G) with a status of conducted-objectives, not achieved, delayed, or canceled—
- (I) the reasons for such status; and
- (II) any risks, if applicable, to the warfighter from the cybersecurity test not succeeding or occurring.
- (2) To the degree applicable and known, the matters covered by paragraph (1) but for the period subsequent to the covered period.
- (e) Additional Matters.—
- (1) EVENTS SPANNING MULTIPLE NOTIFICA-TION PERIODS.—Events that span from one period described in subsection (b) into another described in such subsection, such as a the case of a failure review board convening in one period and reaching a decision in the fol-

- lowing period, shall be covered by notifications under subsection (a) for both periods.
- (2) FORM.—Each notification submitted under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex

SA 4607. Mr. KELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 813 and insert the following:
SEC. 813. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO USE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT
AGREEMENTS FOR INSTALLATIONSUPPORT SERVICES.

Section 2679(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as limiting the authority or applicability to any contract of section 8503(a) of title 41.".

SA 4608. Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

DIVISION E—INSPECTOR GENERAL INDE-PENDENCE AND EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 2021

SEC. 5101. SHORT TITLE.

This division may be cited as the "Inspector General Independence and Empowerment Act of 2021".

TITLE LI—INSPECTOR GENERAL INDEPENDENCE

SEC. 5111. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Securing Inspector General Independence Act of 2021".

SEC. 5112. REMOVAL OR TRANSFER OF INSPECTORS GENERAL; PLACEMENT ON NON-DUTY STATUS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—
 - (1) in section 3(b)-
 - (A) by inserting "(1)(A)" after "(b)";
 - (B) in paragraph (1), as so designated—
- (i) in subparagraph (A), as so designated, in the second sentence—
- (I) by striking "reasons" and inserting the following: "substantive rationale, including detailed and case-specific reasons,"; and
- (II) by inserting "(including to the appropriate congressional committees)" after "Houses of Congress"; and
- (ii) by adding at the end the following:
- "(B) If there is an open or completed inquiry into an Inspector General that relates to the removal or transfer of the Inspector General under subparagraph (A), the written communication required under that subparagraph shall—